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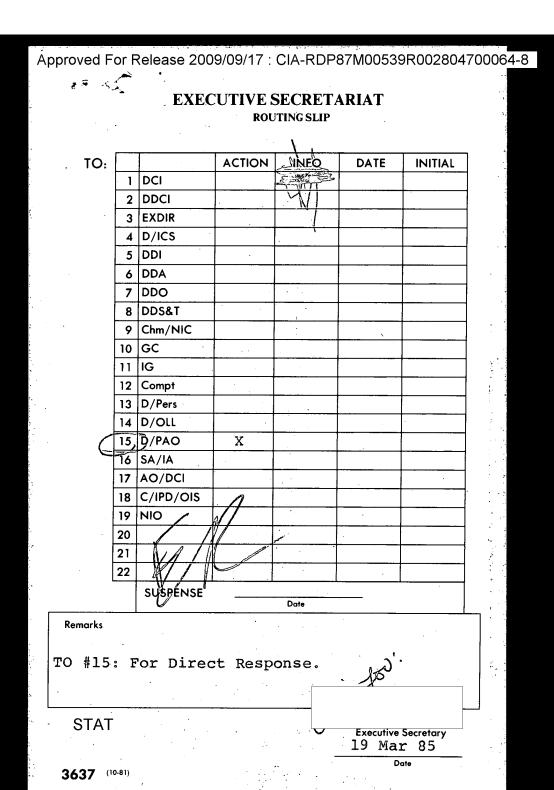
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	Mr. Donald C. Madej	
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	Dear Mr. Madej:	
	Thank you for writ	ing Director Casey for whom I am responding.
		Central Intelligence Agency is in no position to
,	help you.	





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## Dear Director;

I have just about completed an illustrated book on aircraft development, yet one plane is missing and I seek your assistance in enabling me to paint a canvas of it. (The bulk of the illustrations are my oil paintings, you see.) I wrote two letters to Russia asking for a photo of it plus innocent engineering data such as which I now ask your Agency for. I know very well that you have photographs of this Backfire B bomber also known as the Tuplolev VG Bomber - B version.

A 5X7 or 8XIO photo in black and white or color would be fine - so long as it is sharp - not blurred -, the side view being most desireable. Since what secrets it may have are within the airframe, I did believe the Soviets would come through - but you know how Security is in miltary matters.

The data required is: Empty Weight, Normal Loaded Weight. Ceiling. Maximum Speed, Cruise Speed. Number and type of engines. Amount of thrust per engine. Crew number. Degree of wing sweep. defensive missilry - types and number. Bomb load capability. Combat radius (to and from target), fuel tankage. Wingspan swept and unswept. Length. Height. Wing Area if available. Number of bombers built thus far. Estimated cost per plane in dollars. Prototypes appearance date.

I promise to give your "Company" credits for the data and phtograph (s). Hoping to hear from you shortly, I am

Yours very truly

Donald C. Madej

PS I may elect to use the photo(s) instead of doing a painting, so include written permission for such use, please.







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